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REMARKS

Present Status of Application

The Office Action dated October 13, 2005, rejected claims 15-16 and 18 under 35 USC§102(e) as being anticipated by Ono et al. (US Publication No. 2003/0107129). Claims 17 and 19 were rejected under 35 USC§103(a) as being unpatentable over Ono in view of Akram (US Patent No. 6,861,763). Claim 20 was rejected under 35 USC§103(a) as being unpatentable over Ono in view of Koh (US Publication No. 2004/0135266).

Claim 15 has been amended for providing more descriptions for clarification purposes. No new matter has been added to the application by the amendments made to the specification, claims and drawings. This Amendment is promptly filed to place the above-captioned case in condition for allowance. After entering the amendments and considering the following discussions, a notice of allowance is respectfully solicited.

Discussion for 35 USC§102 and 103 rejections

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Claim 15 has been amended to provide more descriptions for clarification purposes.

Applicants submit that independent claim 15 patently defines over the prior references for at least the reason that the cited art fails to disclose each and every feature as claimed in the present invention.

The independent claim 15 recites:

*15. A method of fabricating bumps on a backside of a chip, comprising the steps of:
providing the chip with an active surface having at least a bonding pads thereon and the backside;*

forming at least a bump pad on the backside of the chip; and

forming a bump directly on the bump pad.

Applicant respectfully asserts that claim 1 is patentably distinct from the prior art structures, especially at least forming a bump directly on the bump pad.

The Office Action considered Ono's chip 15, interconnect pattern 14 and bump 19 comparable to the chip, the bump pad and the bump of this invention. Moreover, the Office Action further pointed out "in Ono's fig. 2, ... the bump 19 is electrically formed on the pad." (Response to argument, page 5 of the Final Office Action dated 10/13/2005).

As Ono's bump 19 is directly connected to the first interconnect pattern 11, it is clear that Ono's bump 19 is not formed directly on the second interconnect pattern 14. In addition, Ono fails to disclose forming a protective film on the active surface of the chip

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before forming the bump pad on the backside of the chip as recited in claim 18. According to Ono's teachings, the step of encapsulating the chip 15 with the encapsulating resin 18 is performed after mounting the chip to the dielectric film 12 (paragraph [0028]).

Accordingly, the method of the present invention is patentably distinct from the prior art reference Ono because Ono fails to disclose all limitations of claim 15. For at least the foregoing reasons, all pending claims patentably define over the cited reference and should be allowed.

Consequently, reconsideration and withdrawal of these 102 rejections are respectfully requested.

Regarding claims 17, 19 and 20, the Office Action further relied on Akram or Koh for teaching the mask layer or using a wire-binding machine.

As discussed above, the method of the present invention is patentably distinct from the prior art reference because Ono fails to disclose all limitations of independent claim 15. However, even considering the teachings of Akram or Koh relating to the features recited in dependent claims, the reference Akram or Koh still fails to remedy the deficiencies of Ono.

As a result, it is respectfully submitted that claims 17 and 19-20 patentably distinguishes over the cited references, either alone or in combination, for at least the

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reasons stated above as well as for the additional features that this claim recites.

Withdrawal of these rejections under 35 USC 103(a) is respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all pending claims are in proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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